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A. Beaton, Assessor.

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D. P. Hopkins, Comdr. Precinct No. 1.

D. K. Moore, " " " " " 2.

J. R. Burleson, " " " " " 3.

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Geo. H. Ward, Constable.

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County Court for Civil and Probate business—

1st Monday in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Commissioners' Court—2d Mondays in February, May, August and November.

Justice Court Precinct No. 1—1st Friday in each month, San Marcos.

Precinct No. 2—2d Friday in each month Mt. City.

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The Forty-Acre Farm.

I'm thinking, wife, of neighbor Jones, that man with stalwart arm,
Who lives in peace and plenty on a forty-acre farm;
While men are all around us with hands and hearts a score,
Who own two hundred acres, and still are wanting more.

He has a pretty little farm, a pretty little house;
He has a loving wife within, as quiet as a mouse;
His children play around his door, their father's life to charm,
Looking as neat and tidy as the tidy little farm.

No weeds are in the cornfield, no thistles in the oats;
The horses show their keeping by their fine and glossy coats;
And the cows within the meadow, resting 'neath the beechen shade,
Learn all the gentle manners of the gentle milking maid.

Within his field on Saturday he leaves no cradled grain,
To be gathered on the morrow, for fear of coming rain;
He keeps the Sabbath holy—his children learn his ways—
And plenty fills his barns and bins after the harvest days.

He never has a lawsuit to take him to the town,
For the very simple reason there are no line fences down;
The bar-room in the village does not have for him a charm;
I can always find my neighbor on his forty-acre farm.

His acres are so very few, he plows them very deep;
'Tis his own hands that turn the sod, 'tis his own hands that reap;
He has a place for everything, and things are in their place;
The sunshine smiles upon his fields, contentment in his face.

May we not learn a lesson, wife, from prudent neighbor Jones,
And not—for what we have not—give up to sighs and moans?
The rich ain't always happy, or free from life's alarms;
But blest are those who live content, though small may be their farms.

"They All Do It."

[Detroit Commercial Advertiser.]

There are few books that can boast of as much immorality within a space of four hundred pages as is implied in this little phrase, which has been placarded on the bill boards, and called into the ears of the public for the past year or two. It is the one sentence which takes the courage completely out of youth, searing its conscience as with a red-hot iron, and permitting despair to carry it off bodily into the depths of crime.

"Oh they all do it; why should not you?" that is the suggestion. "That man lies and cheats, and will commit any crime which the law does not make dangerous. So it is with all of them. There is no use in trying to be different from other people." That is the way the temptation comes to the young man, thrown on the world with little knowledge of its ways, and perhaps shielded only by the indulgent training of an over-fond mother. "People are grossly immoral. Even temperance advocates get drunk in private; church deacons swindle savings banks; all you see of morality is but a surface show. Beneath there is concealed wickedness. You will find you must follow the multitude." And the youth, with the pleasures of the world held up before his glowing imagination, and full of bodily health, plunges forth into what he believes to be "the world."

If the devil had concentrated all his cunning, during the centuries which have elapsed since his ejection from Paradise, he could not have produced a more powerful argument with which to conquer the soul of man than this, "They all do it."

But young man listen. That sentence is a lie. As base and foul a lie as ever was conceived in the mind of man or devil. They don't "all do it."

There are thousands upon thousands of good, pure men and women in this world, bad as it may seem, who are leading upright lives. They believe in a Deity, and in the commands of virtue, and are going along with the happiest results to themselves and their neighbors. There are men who think that they were put into this world, not to gratify their own base appetites, but to be true and noble and high-minded. There are men who would disdain to tell a lie. There are

men who would disdain to take an advantage in trade, or do any other selfish or mean action. There are men who try to be just, always, and kindly, both in words and feelings to all. There are men who lead humble, unpretentious lives, and who, without making it known to the world, are doing a vast amount of good among their fellow men.

And strange to say, these men lead very happy lives, and, as a rule, very successful lives. While the unprincipled man may enjoy temporary success, sooner or later he will suffer for his lack of honesty. There are a thousand ways in which virtue avenges herself upon him. In one way or another he gets his deserts. You have youth, you are blessed with health of mind and body. There are plenty of criminals around you, it is true. But they are to be pitied, not imitated. Never believe that what some do, all do, but be in your own person a standing example of the falsity of the cry, "They all do it."

Texas.

Texas lies between the parallels of 25 degrees 50 minutes and 36 degrees 30 minutes, north latitude and longitude 93 degrees 30 minutes, and 107 degrees west. It embraces a territory of 274,365 square miles, or 177,587,840 acres, and is by far the largest State of the Union. The following comparison will give some idea of the vast extent of this State; Texas is larger than France or Great Britain, and is four times as large as Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and lacks only 4,000 square miles of being as large as the combined area of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana and Illinois.

It is a vast inclined plain with a gradual descent from the northwestern boundary to the Gulf of Mexico. The coast counties are nearly level for 60 to 80 miles inland; the surface then becomes undulating, with alternate gradual elevations and depressions, and this feature increases as we proceed northwest, until it becomes hilly and finally mountainous in some of the far western counties; the highest ranges, however, do not attain a greater altitude than 5,000 feet. In the coast counties the soil and climate are especially adapted to the culture of the sugar cane, sea island cotton, rice, and many semi-tropical fruits and vegetables.

The eastern portion of the State, including some eighteen counties, is heavily timbered, and from here are drawn nearly all the immense supplies of pine lumber required in the prairie portions of the State. The natural resources of this section are varied. In it are vast deposits of iron ore of excellent quality, and extensive beds of lignite. Large crops of cotton, corn and other grains are grown in its valleys, and its uplands are noted for the production of fruits and vegetables. It is generally well watered by streams and springs.

Central and Northern Texas, though generally a rich prairie country, is by no means devoid of a sufficiency of timber for ordinary purposes, its numerous streams being fringed with a large growth of forest trees. It is also traversed by what is known as the upper and lower "Cross Timbers," a belt of oak, elm, and other timber, from one to six miles wide. This is the great wheat and grain-growing region of Texas, and in this respect it is unsurpassed by any other section of the continent.

Western and Northwestern Texas are the great pastoral regions of the State, and include a vast domain of unoccupied land. The surface is generally a high rolling table-land, watered by many creeks and ponds, but with little timber except along the streams, and on some of the hills and mountain ranges in the western part, where forests of cedar, mountain juniper, oak, etc., exist.

The luxuriant growth of rich native grasses found in this section renders it

pre-eminently a stock-raising country, and as such it is unexcelled by any other portion of the continent. The precious metals and other mineral deposits are known to exist in this section of the State, and it is believed their development will be rapid when railroads shall have been built across it.—Grocers' Price-Current.

Put Life into Your Work.

A young man's interest and duty both dictate that he should make himself indispensable to his employers. He should be so industrious, prompt and careful, that the accident of his temporary absence should be noticed by his being missed. A young man should make his employer his friend, by doing faithfully and minutely all that is intrusted to him. It is a great mistake to be over-nice or fastidious about work. Pitch in readily and your willingness will be appreciated, while the "high toned" young man